

Rights, etc.

consolidation shall have any validity or effect. Upon the filing for record of said copies the said corporations shall become merged in the new corporation provided for in said articles, to be known thereafter by the corporate name therein adopted, and shall, within this State, succeed to all the rights, powers, franchises, contracts, privileges, immunities, liabilities, obligations and duties, liabilities to or exemption from taxation, commutations, property, real, personal and mixed, and things in action, as fully in all respects as the same were possessed by such old corporation or corporations at the time of such consolidation under the laws of this State; and such new corporation shall hold and enjoy the same, and all and every part thereof, without impairment or change as fully in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said consolidation had not taken place. *Provided*, that all rights of creditors, and all the liens upon the property of either of said old corporations shall be preserved unimpaired, and all the debts, liabilities and duties of either of said consolidating corporations shall thenceforth attach to said new corporation, and be enforceable to the same extent, and in the same manner as if such debts, liabilities and duties had been originally incurred by it. *Provided further*, that all such corporations shall be subject to the laws of this State and the jurisdiction of the Courts of this State in the same manner and to the same extent as domestic corporations.

Rights of creditors.

Parallel lines not to be consolidated.

SEC. 3. No railroad corporation shall consolidate with, lease or purchase, or in any way become owner of, or control any other railroad corporation, or any stock, franchises, rights of property thereof, which owns or controls a parallel or competing line.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1881.

CHAPTER 95.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE RAILROAD COMPANIES TO ALTER THEIR ROUTES OR THE LOCATION OF THE LINES OF THEIR ROADS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. The board of directors of any railroad corporation may, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole number, at

any time, alter the route, or any part of the route of their road, or any extension or branch thereof, or any part of their road, or any extension or branch as constructed, if it shall appear to them that the line can be improved thereby; but no railroad shall be so diverted from any county, town, city or village which, in its corporate capacity, shall have extended aid to such road, either while in the hands of the then present owners or any former person or corporation, without the consent of such county, town, city or village, and such consent shall be expressed by a vote of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the legal voters of such county, town, city or village at an election to be had for that purpose, and no such alteration shall be made in any city or village after the road shall have been constructed therein, unless the same shall have been sanctioned by a vote of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the council of such city or of the trustees of such village. Before making any such alteration the board of directors shall designate the route thereof, by a resolution, to be entered in its records, a copy of which shall be filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State. Thereupon it shall have the same rights and privileges to build such road, as altered, as if it were the original line.

Altering route of a railroad.

When vote of people required.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1881.

CHAPTER 96.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE SEVENTH (7th) JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO COMPEL THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES BEFORE THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES AGAINST THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ST. CLOUD NORMAL SCHOOL, AND TO COMPEL THE SAME TO TESTIFY.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the Judge of the District Court in and for the Seventh (7th) Judicial District, sitting at chambers, is hereby authorized and empowered to compel the attendance of witnesses before the joint special committee of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, appointed to investigate charges against the management of the St. Cloud Normal School, and the said Judge, sitting as aforesaid, shall have the same powers, with the same effect, in compelling

Compelling attendance of witnesses.